

**W**e in law enforcement have a special obligation to the most vulnerable of crime victims. Those who have suffered life-devastating crimes – elder abuse, sexual assault, stalking, family violence and hate crime – should be treated with dignity and supported. They deserve all the compassion and protection that we in the criminal justice system can provide.

To ensure that the victims of these highly traumatic crimes are given the best possible treatment, the District Attorney's Office has established the Victim Impact Program (VIP). This program places specially trained prosecutors in Branch and Area offices throughout the county to specifically deal with these types of cases. This bolsters the offices vertical prosecution efforts, ensuring that one prosecutor handles these cases from start to finish.

Under VIP, law enforcement also benefits. Investigators present their cases directly to a VIP coordinator, who assigns each to a specially trained prosecutor and oversees their handling. This assures expert treatment from beginning to end.

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# VIP Victim Impact Program



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## Victim Impact Program (VIP)

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Victim Impact Program (VIP) is designed to specifically address the needs of victims with unique vulnerability. These crimes include those committed against the elderly and children, hate crimes, and crimes of sexual abuse, stalking and domestic violence. The goal of the program is to obtain justice and support for these victims throughout Los Angeles County and to hold offenders accountable for their crimes.

To accomplish this goal, the District Attorney's Office has doubled the number of highly trained and qualified prosecutors in Branch and Area offices across the county who will vertically prosecute the targeted crimes. Law enforcement officers investigating and filing these cases deal directly with local VIP coordinators and work with deputy district attorneys who will handle each case from start to finish.

## VIP Cases

- Crimes against the elderly
- Child physical and sexual assault
- Hate crimes
- Sexual abuse
- Stalking
- Domestic violence

## VIP Benefits

Victims and law enforcement officers reap tangible benefits from a vertical prosecutor who seeks to put victims at ease and provide more effective prosecution of highly sensitive cases. Under VIP, cases benefit because:

- A VIP coordinator at each Branch office supervises the program as well as the handling of each case.
- A VIP coordinator screens all cases and assigns each one to a specially trained prosecutor.
- Local coordinators attend quarterly meetings to ensure consistent treatment of all VIP cases throughout the county.
- Prosecutors participate in on-going training to maintain the high standards and special skills required for prosecuting VIP cases.

In conjunction with the work of specialized units dedicated to prosecuting elder abuse, child abuse, sex crimes, family violence, domestic violence and hate crimes, VIP brings a new level of professionalism to the District Attorney's Branch and Area Operations. Our goal is to pursue justice for these victims throughout the county and vigorously protect the rights of those whose lives have been most dramatically affected by crime.

## VIP Locations

You will find a **VIP Coordinator** at each of the following Branch and Area offices:

### **Airport Branch**

11701 S. La Cienega Boulevard, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles 90045

### **Alhambra Area**

150 West Commonwealth Avenue  
Alhambra 91801

### **Antelope Valley Branch**

1110 West Avenue J  
Lancaster 93534

### **Compton Branch**

200 West Compton Boulevard, Room 700  
Compton 90220-3193

### **Norwalk Branch**

12720 Norwalk Boulevard, Room 201  
Norwalk 90650

### **Long Beach Branch**

415 West Ocean Boulevard, Room 305  
Long Beach 90802

### **Pasadena Branch**

300 East Walnut Street, Room 103  
Pasadena 91101

### **Pomona Branch**

400 Civic Center Plaza, Room 201  
Pomona 91766

### **San Fernando Branch**

900 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
San Fernando 91340

### **Torrance Branch**

825 Maple Avenue, Room 190  
Torrance 90503-5098

### **Van Nuys Branch**

6230 Sylmar Avenue, Room 201  
Van Nuys 91401